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Aquarium and Governor's Panel Celebrate Hispanic Heritage *Friday Event to Include Salsa Music and Lessons, Presentations*

Baltimore (September 8, 2004) – The National Aquarium in Baltimore will exhibit a decidedly Latino flair on Friday night as the Aquarium and the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs welcome the public for Hispanic Heritage Night at the world-famous venue. Guests will be able to explore the enchanting exhibits of the Aquarium and absorb rich cultural experiences such as:

- Dance music by Grupo Latino Continental
- Mariachi Las Estrellas
- MéxicoVivo performing traditional folkloric dances from México
- Salsa lessons from Eileen Torres
- Percussionist Nery Arevalo performing music rooted in the Latin and African traditions and telling interactive stories of the Mayans of the Central American Rain Forests
- A bilingual underwater dive presentation
- Games of aquatic lotería and conservation-themed face-painting for the kids
- Amazing animals of the Rainforest with the Aquarium expert, Jack Cover
- A special buffet of Latin foods

The Aquarium's Conservation Education Department and Human Resources Team will talk with visitors about career and educational opportunities. The event is part of the Friday after Five bargain—where admission is only \$5 after 5 p.m.— and will be held from 5 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The last ticket will be sold at 8:00 p.m.

The National Aquarium in Baltimore, a non-profit organization and world-class aquatic institution, is Maryland's leading attraction. The Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs advises government, advances solutions and serves as a resource to ensure equal access to economic, educational, health, political and social well-being of Hispanics. For more information about Hispanic Heritage Night, call **410-727-7425 or 410-576-3845**. Or visit www.aqua.org.